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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7261

BILL NUMBER: HB 1142

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 24, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Jan 24, 2013

SUBJECT: Department of Child Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mahan

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to hire additional employees by January 1, 2014.

The bill requires DCS to assign for investigation all reports of child abuse or neglect that are received from a centralized call center to the local DCS office in the county where the child is located. It also requires a local DCS office to investigate a report of child abuse or neglect received from certain individuals.

The bill requires DCS to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The provisions of this bill could increase state expenditures by an estimated \$9 M in the first year of implementation and approximately \$8.9 M annually thereafter.

Additional Information: Based on information provided by the DCS during the November 8, 2012, meeting of the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee, hiring a total of 130 family case managers (FCMs) and 26 FCM supervisors is expected to cost approximately \$8.9 M annually. Additionally, the DCS reported increasing Central Hotline support staff by 60 employees would require one-time technology upgrades of approximately \$100,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Brady Brookes, DCS; November 8, 2012 meeting of the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee.

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